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Long-Term I-5 Ramp Closures in Pacoima

San Fernando Valley — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the Golden State Freeway (I-5) on- and off-ramps listed below beginning March 7 through January 2012. The closures are part of the San Fernando Valley I-5 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Project. Closures are subject to change.

Northbound I-5

- Sheldon Street on- and off-ramps
- Osborne Street on- and off-ramps
- Westbound Van Nuys Boulevard off-ramp

Southbound I-5

- Westbound Van Nuys Boulevard on-ramp

About the Project

This project involves the construction of an HOV lane in each direction on I-5 between the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) and SR-118, a distance of 6.8 miles (3.4 miles in each direction). It will also widen four undercrossings, replace sections of pavement, and reconstruct the mixed-flow connector to build a direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. A direct HOV connector allows for freeway-to-freeway transfers without exiting the carpool lane.

This project will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling, improve air quality, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The work is part of Caltrans' effort to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California.

Work began in August 2010 and is on track to wrap up in the spring of 2013. Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction.

For more information, check out the project web page:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/travel/projects/details.php?id=49>

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